

Thursday, June 20, 2002



KSC to open doors for employees' children in annual event

▲ Take Our Children To Work Day Set For July 11:

KSC will celebrate Take Our Children to Work Day July 11. This will be the 10th year the Center has opened its doors for the children of KSC employees to participate in this worthwhile day of recognition. More information will be coming, with complete details available in the June 28 issue of the *Spaceport News*.

▲ **Mission Update:** For the third day, landing opportunities at KSC were waved off because of unfavorable weather conditions. Instead, Endeavour and crew finally returned to Earth at Edwards AFB, Calif., at 1:58 p.m. EDT. Because of the additional orbit



time waiting for landing, the Expedition 4 crew aboard extended their record-breaking stay in space to 196 days.

◆ **Bond Drive To End:** The Kennedy Space Center Savings Bonds Drive for 2002 is entering its final two days. **Tomorrow** is the last opportunity to participate in this year's annual drive. In addition to the Series EE Savings Bonds available, you



can choose the inflation-protected I-bonds. Both EE-bonds and I-bonds have an additional tax advantage when used as a college savings program. For Savings Bonds information and enrollment forms, contact your bonds canvasser. Need to know who your canvasser is? Contact Christina Brown at 867-8463.

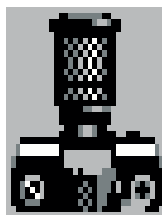
California weather better choice for safe landing of Endeavour

◆ **Beach Safety** — As summer officially begins Friday, and families will be spending more time at the beach, a few safety tips may help make those activities more enjoyable:

- Check the surf conditions before you enter the water.
- Protect your skin (hat, shirt, suntan lotion).
- Keep a lookout for aquatic life (including jelly fish).
- Drink plenty of water regularly.
- Never fake actions or calls for help.
- Watch for signs of heat stroke.
- Respect other beach patrons.
- Follow the advice of the lifeguards.

Please be cautious at the beach. Also if you have children, alert them to the risks and what to do.

◆ **KSC Photos At Your Fingertips** — Launch and payload preparations are routinely photographed and placed on the KSC Web. Keep up to date with what's happening by going to the Multimedia Gallery, linked on the KSC Home Page (<http://www.ksc.nasa.gov>). Hot Pics (the latest photos) are on the right column; mission-specific (Shuttle and ELV) photos are linked in the left column. You can also search by categories in the middle column.



◆ **Did You Know?** Astronauts are seeing and photographing extraordinary things from an Earth-facing window on the International Space Station. See the photo taken by Dan Bursch during his residence on the Station and find where to go for other space-snapped images: http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2002/29may_lookingglass.htm?list550276

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